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THe following Addreſs from the Grand Jury of the County of *Pembroke*, having been preſented to His Majeſty, His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive it very Graciouſly.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Grand Jury of the County of Pembroke, *at the Great Seſſions held for the ſaid County at the Town and County of* Haverford-weſt, *on Monday the third day of* September, *in the year of our Lord one thouſand ſix hundred and eighty three.*

WE with great Amazement, having received in elligence of the late abominable and villainous Deſigns, Plots, and Confederacies of ſeveral of Your Majeſties own Subjects, as well Nobles as Commoners, to deſtroy Your Majeſties Perſon, and Your Deareſt Brother the Duke of York, and the Subverſion and Extirpation of the Antient, True, and Monarchical Government of this Your Kingdom, and the reſt of Your Majeſties Kingdoms and Dominions, and the true and undoubted Succeſſion in Your Royal Family to the ſame, and the Prerogatives and Priviledges thereof, and conſidering what means and meaſures by Secret and Treaſonable Caballs, Aſſociations, Conventicles, and abuſing Your good Subjects and Your Government with Falſe, Malitious, and Scandalous Libels, Reports, and Pamphlets, and other wicked ways were taken to compaſs this wicked end by ſome ill diſpoſed men, as well in ſome of the late great Councils of this Your Realm, as by others of Fanatical, Republican, Atheiſtical, and other ill Principles, cannot but with Horror humbly ſignifie our utter Deteſtation of ſuch unheard of Practices (at this our firſt publick aſſembling) ſince the Diſcovery of the late Plot; and give our moſt humble thanks to Your Majeſty, for Your conſtant and watchful Care and Vigilance, as well in the detecting of the ſaid Villanies, as in the Preſervation of us and the reſt of Your Subjects in the enjoyment of our Peace, Liberties and Properties, and delivering us from the Oppreſſions deſigned to be exerciſed by ſome of our Fellow-Subjects over us, and the Confuſions we and our Poſterities muſt have expected, had not Your Majeſties ſpecial Prudence and Care aſſiſted by Divine Providence (which hitherto hath, and hereafter we hope, and pray may ever guide you) prevented our ruine.

And now, Dread Soveraign, we in all Humility crave leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, that we ſhall with our Lives and Eſtates defend and aſſiſt Your Majeſties Perſon and Government, and undoubted Succeſſion thereunto in Your Majeſties Royal Family, and the Proteſtant Religion now eſtabliſhed by Law, againſt all Plots, Practices and Deſigns whatſoever: And we heartily pray, that the great God who hath hitherto ſo miraculouſly preſerved You from Your Enemies, may grant You a long, proſperous, and gracious Reign over us,

Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful,
and Obedient Subjects.

We the High-Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and other Free-holders preſent at the ſaid Great Seſſions, do joyn in this Addreſs.

Jamaica, Auguſt 12. The 24th of the laſt month the Maſter of a Sloop brought hither the News of the Privateers, having taken la Vera Cruz, whereof we have ſince theſe Particulars. On the ſeventh of April laſt, they rendevouzed at Cape Catroche (the South Cape of the Bay of Mexico) they were; Van Horne a Hollander in an Engliſh Ship of 50 Guns, who was Admiral, Laurence a Hollander in a Prize of 26 Guns Vice-Admiral, Chriſtian a Hollander in Van Hornes Parach of 40 Guns, Mitchel a French man in a Prize of Laurence's of 26 Guns, Yanchy a Hollander in a Prize of 16 Guns, Bloat a Hollander in a Prize of 8 Guns, Jacob Hall a Bermudian of 8 Guns, Squire an Engliſhman in a Sloop of Jamaica, and a Barco Longo of Laurences. Theſe Veſſels had between 900 and 1000 men, moſt French and Dutch, and ſome few Engliſh. On the eighth of May they came on the Coaſt of la Vera Cruz, and lay by; and they put the men that were to Land, on board Yanchy and Chriſtian, and then ſtood off. The ninth theſe two Ships ſtood in, and in the night the Spaniards in the Caſtle and on ſhore made Fires to Pilot them in (taking them to be two of the Flota) ſo they came to an Ankor, and landed before one a Clock in the Morning, two Miles from the Town 774 men. Van Horne had the Body as General, and was to attack the Plazza, where they expected the Court of Guard, but found only four men: Laurence commanded the Forlorne, and with it attempted the two Forts, the one of 12, the other of 8 Guns, both cloſe Forts, but they found them open, and the Sentinels aſleep, ſo with the loſs of one man killed by the Spaniards, and three by the miſtake of the French, by break of day they were Maſters of the Forts and Town; and had they, as Lawrence adviſed, ſent at the ſame time but two Canoas and 50 men, they had without doubt ſurprized the Caſtle, which ſtands in the Sea three quarters of a mile, and has 70 Guns mounted. But the Pyrates thinking it more ſafe and profitable to plunder the Town, ſet Guards at the ſtreets ends, and ſent Parties to break open the Houſes, where they found every Body as quiet as in their Graves, and for three days they did nothing but break Houſes, plunder them, and drag the miſerable Inhabitants to the Cathedral, and though in this time they got abundance of Plate, Jewels, &c. and about 350 Bags of Chochenelle, each containing 150 or 200 l. as they ſay, yet were they not ſatisfied, but put the conſiderable People to Ranſom, and threatned to burn the Cathedral and Priſoners, which were about 5700, if they did not immediately diſcover all they had, ſo that the fourth day they got more than the other three, and had 70000 Pieces of Eight for the Governor Don Iulio de Cordova's Ranſom, which Spurre found hid among Grals in a Stable.

The Pyrates feared the Flota which had been two days in ſight, conſiſting of 12 great Ships, and likewiſe apprehended Succours might come to the Spaniards from Los Angelos (a City thirty Leagues from la Vera Cruz,) ſo they left the Town, and carried their Priſoners and Plunder to a Cay, where their Ships rode, called Los Sacrificios from a famous Indian Temple that was there. Here they ſtaid 8 days to receive Ranſoms, and to divide what they had got, which they generally ſay was about 800 pieces of Eight a ſhare in Plate and Money, and they made about 1200 ſhares for Men and Ships, and Van Horn had about 80 ſhares for himſelf and two Ships; and here Laurence and he quarrelled and fought, and Van Horne was wounded in the Wriſt, no body thinking it mortal. They all embarked, and Van Horne propoſed to attack the Flota, and engaged to board the Admiral, but Laurence would not, and ſo away they went with about 1000 Negros and Mulatos; about 15 days after Van Horne died, his wound having Gangreened, and was thrown into the Sea off of Cape Jucatan leaving his Son, a youth of 10 or 12 years, to the value they ſay, of 20000 l. on board, and his Lieutenant, Gramont, took upon him the Command of the Ship, and intended for Petit Guave. Laurence and the reſt have been off of this Iſland, and are gone to Guantanamo, a Port on the ſouth ſide of Cuba. Spurre is dead and three or 400 more, and our Governor is endeavouring to ſeize his Sloop.

Nevis *in the* Weſt-Indies, *Aug.* 18. 1683. Captain *Charles Carliſle*, Commander of His Majeſties Ship the *Francis*, having Orders from Sir *W. Stapleton*, Governor in Chief of the Leeward Iſlands, to go in ſearch of ſeveral Pyrates, who having infeſted theſe parts, came the Firſt of this Month into the Road of *St. Thomas*, one of the Virgin Iſlands, where he found at Anchor the Ship *la Trompeuſe*, Commanded by that notorious Pyrate *Hamlin* (who had taken Seventeen Ships of all Nations, of which Eleven Engliſh, upon the Coaſt of *Guinea*, and moſt barbarouſly